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Mr. Michael Weber
Office of Nuclear Materials Safety and Safeguards
United States Nuclear Regulatory Commission
Washington, D.C. 20555
Attention Docketing and Services Branch

Environmental Impact Statement
Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation
Newfield, New Jersey

The New Jersey Business and Industry Association (NJBIA), which represents 13,400 New Jersey businesses, would like to offer its support for the Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation's proposed alternative for decommissioning its facility in Newfield, New Jersey. New Jersey's business community, which has been hard hit by the financial impact of regulation from all levels of government, requests that the Federal Government give full consideration to the economic impact of decommissioning alternatives in the development of its Environmental Impact Statement (EIS). The selection of costly off-site disposal options will cause an extreme economic hardship to the corporation and its employees, as well as presenting an unacceptable comparative risk to the general population.

Shieldalloy Metallurgical Corporation is a responsible corporate citizen in the State of New Jersey. This decommissioning process has been initiated at the corporation's request. The company has met all applicable standards for the safe handling of radioactive materials. The development of an economically viable EIS is important to the ongoing operation of this South Jersey facility which employs 228 people at its plant in Newfield.

On behalf of NJBIA's membership, we urge you to carefully examine the scientific and economic evidence that has been prepared by the independent consultants and support the least cost alternative.

Sincerely,



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